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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the patent application for System and Method to Synchronize Two or More Object Management Systems.

Please delete the heading, "1. Field of the Invention" found on page 1, line 1, and replace with the following:

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